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Maron House
223 Farnsworth Avenue
Bordentown, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Maron House
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Owner: Andrew J. Maron

Date of Erection: About 1740-1750 (?)

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone and brick

Exterior walls - frame
construction, siding

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with original
dormers

Historical Data:

The date of erection for this house is given as 1740 by Jewett A. Grosvenor in The Wooden Architecture of the Lower Delaware Valley; we have not been able to verify this. A search of title shows that the present owner purchased in 1932 from the Bordentown Banking Company. It was easy to trace back to 1815. In that year John Lovell willed the property to his son Joseph. Our difficulty has been in trying to discover how John Lovell got title.

We surmise he got it from his father John, Sr. A search at Trenton reveals a deed to John Lovell, Sr. for a tract of land at Chesterfield as early as 1731; here he is spoken of as a resident of Nottingham, Burlington County. There is another deed for 1756 which indicates that he was then a resident of Bordentown. In that year he deeded a property to his son John, Jr. We believe that the house stands on part of that piece or on one of the six lots mentioned as having been sold by Joseph Borden in 1751 to Preserve Brown. The deed recites the title back to that purchase. We are not certain as to the builder or the exact date of erection.

Mr. Grosvenor has the following to say about this building: "The detail of the Bordentown building is rather unique in point of the course of small panels below a frieze ornamented with drapery sways, the fine mouldings of the window casings, and slender, semi-engaged pillars of the door frame that suggest the work of an artisan from the Dutch Counties of North Jersey."

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